

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 477 - HB 1252

March 12, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Makes various revisions to the election laws which include requiring the term of the county administrator of elections to automatically expire when the two-year term of office of the appointing commission expires; authorizes the county election commission to consider the political party affiliation, as well as knowledge and experience when hiring an administrator of elections; specifies that the administrator is an at-will employee who may be removed, reassigned or replaced at the discretion of the commission. Prohibits a county legislative body from making line-item vetoes to items in the election commission's budget. If the county fails to appropriate the requested funds, the county legislative body has the burden of establishing by clear and convincing evidence that the funds requested by the election commission are unreasonable. Authorizes the commission to hire legal counsel based upon either the administrator's recommendation or on motion of any commissioner rather than solely on the administrator's recommendation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The county election commissions and county administrator of elections will not require additional personnel or resources to carry out the requirements of the bill.
- Any fiscal impact on state or local government will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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